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DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN LAKSHADWEEP
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the Indian and Foreign Tourists visited Lakshadweep during the last three years;

(b) the revenue earned in terms of foreign exchange during 2004-05 and 2005-06;

(c) the employment opportunity generated for local inhabitants from tourism during the said period; and

(d) the details of schemes/projects contemplated by the Government for development of tourism in Lakshadweep Island?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a): The number of domestic and foreign tourist visits to Lakshadweep during the years 2003, 2004 and 2005 are as follows:-

Year	2003	2004	2005
Domestic	4604	3889	6908
Foreign	682	1285	941

(b): Data on State/UT-wise foreign exchange earnings is not maintained.

(c): As per the information received from the Union Territory of Lakshadweep, 142 jobs have been created from tourism during the years 2004-05 and 2005-06.

(d): Development of places of tourist interest in the States/UTs is the responsibility of the State Governments/UT Administrations. The Union Territory of Lakshadweep is implementing schemes relating to infrastructure & human resources development, tourism marketing, opening of more islands for international tourists, and equity participation with Lakshadweep Development Corporation Ltd. (LDCL) for promotion of tourism in the Union Territory. The Central Government also assists State Governments/UT Administrations in development of tourism infrastructure at selected destinations/ circuits identified in consultation with them under its Scheme of Product/Infrastructure Development for Destination and Circuits. During the 8th and 9th Five Year Plans, 9 projects were approved for the UT and an amount of Rs.194.86 lakh was sanctioned. During the 10th Plan, no project proposals have been received from the Union Territory of Lakshadweep.